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Susan A. Gendron  
Commissioner  
Maine Department of Education  
23 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333-0023

Dear Commissioner Gendron:

As you know from previous communication, the Regional Planning Committee (RPC) that once represented the idea of a Waterville, School Union 52, and MSAD 47 RSU has been reduced, as the City of Waterville has pulled away from consolidation discussions. The RPC met last night for the first time since February. School Union 52 communities of China, Vassalboro, and Winslow recommitted themselves to continuing their discussions with MSAD 47. They also are looking at the possibility of forming a consolidated school district that would just be inclusive of the School Union 52 towns of China, Vassalboro, and Winslow.

In terms of specific progress related to our work, because of the suspension of our work due to the Legislature's work regarding L.D. 1932, which we all thought would be completed in January, we have made no other progress related to the formation of a RSU, other than our last report to you dated December 1, 2007. This still represents our current progress.

Our next meeting will be on May 1, at which point we will have absolute knowledge of what is or is not included in L.D. 1932, whether it passed or did not pass, or whether the Governor's supplemental budget language is the guiding language for future discussions. We will begin our work again in earnest once we have a better understanding of what will occur in these final weeks of legislative session.

Sincerely,

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